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1. A method for managing information over a remote communications network including a communication device and a site computer having a database comprising:
 - configuring the database to maintain the information as records;
 - providing a communications link between the site computer at a first location with the communication device at a second location remote from the first location; and
 - allowing manipulation of the records through inputs to the communication device.
2. The method of Claim 1 further comprising using the communication device to create, modify, display, or initiate organization of particular records.
3. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
 - creating a particular record by prompting provision of desired information associated with various fields into the communication device;
 - providing the particular record to the site computer; and
 - storing the particular record in the database.
4. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
 - deconstructing the records into information associated with component fields of the records; and
 - organizing the records according to the information associated with the component fields.
5. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
 - defining a threshold event;
 - programming the site computer or the database with the threshold event;
 - analyzing the records capable of having information regarding satisfaction of the threshold event;
 - providing predetermined notifications upon satisfaction of the threshold event.
6. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:
 - identifying a person interested in a particular record;
 - programming the site computer or the database with information regarding the interested person and the particular record;
 - determining if the particular record has been received by the site computer; and
 - automatically transmitting the particular record to the interested person when the particular record has been received by the site computer.
7. A method for handling health care records of a patient over a communications network, the patient receiving care from a health care provider, the method comprising:

using a communication device linked to a site computer having a database for storing information; and

providing a command to the site computer;

manipulating the health care records in response to the command; and

enabling the database to store at least a portion of the health care records.

8. The method of Claim 7 wherein said providing a command includes providing select inputs to a web page provided by the site computer to the communication device, the method further comprising transmitting the inputs to the site computer.

9. The method of Claim 7 wherein said manipulating the health care records includes performing a function selected from the group consisting of creating, displaying, modifying, and organizing the health care records, or any combination thereof.

10. The method of Claim 7 further comprising categorizing the information of each of the health care records into various component fields.

11. The method of Claim 7 wherein said manipulating the health care records includes:

deconstructing each of the health care records into information associated with component fields; and

organizing the health care records according to the information of the component fields.

12. The method of Claim 11 further comprising categorizing the information of the component fields into topics selected from the group consisting of the identity of the health care provider, condition of the patient, charge for providing care, date of record creation, and date of visit by health care provider, or any combination thereof.

13. The method of Claim 7 wherein the patient is at a particular location, the method further comprising:

assessing the condition of the patient at the particular location;

providing the communication device adjacent the particular location; and

creating a particular health care record based on the assessment of the condition of the patient using the communication device while the communication device is adjacent the particular location.

14. The method of Claim 7 further comprising:

defining a defining a threshold event relating to the patient;

programming the site computer or the database with the threshold event;

analyzing the health care records of the patient to determine if the threshold event has occurred; and

using the site computer and the database to automatically provide a predetermined notification to interested entities upon occurrence of the threshold event.

15. The method of Claim 14 wherein the threshold event relates to amounts owed by the patient to the health care provider and wherein the predetermined notification includes a request to make payments to the health care provider.

16. The method of Claim 7 further comprising:

identifying an entity interested in a particular health care record;
programming the site computer or the database with information regarding the interested entity and the particular health care record;
determining if the particular health care record has been received by the site computer; and
automatically transmitting a message to the interested entity when the particular health care record has been received by the site computer.

17. The method of Claim 16 wherein the message includes at least a portion of the particular health care record,

18. The method of Claim 7 wherein the communication network is the Internet.

19. A system for handling health care records over a wide area communications network comprising:

a site computer having a database for managing the health care records; and
a communication device, coupled to the site computer and the database, for receiving commands which are provided to the site computer and the database to perform a function selected from the group consisting of creating, displaying, modifying, and organizing the health care records, or any combination thereof.

20. The system of Claim 19 wherein the site computer and the database are programmed to identify predetermined information in the health care records and to automatically transmit messages to interested persons upon receipt of the health care records having the predetermined information.

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